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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventor: Takenobu ARIMA et al. Art Unit: 2617
Appln. No.: 10/509,493 Exr. S. Brooks
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For: SCHEDULING APPARATUS AND COMMUNICATION METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 17, 2007, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 11 stand rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Stolyar et al. (US 6,590,890) in view of Mandyam (US 6,931,256). Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Stolyar in view of Mandyam and Wei et al. (US 2003/0204615). The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections based on the points set forth below.

Claim 1 defines a scheduling apparatus that determines a packet data transmission order for transmitting packet data earlier to a communication partner whose transmission path